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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEKAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Special Counsel Act
5 of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL.**

2 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Upon a determination of the At-
3 torney General that—

4 (1) the investigation or prosecution of any per-
5 son for an alleged violation of Federal criminal law
6 by any office or official of the Department of Justice
7 may result in a personal, financial, or political con-
8 flict of interest, and

9 (2) it is in the public interest for the Attorney
10 General to resolve any such conflict of interest by
11 appointing a special counsel to head a temporary Of-
12 fice of Special Counsel within the Department of
13 Justice,
14 the Attorney General may appoint a counsel to head such
15 Office.

16 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General shall
17 issue (and may amend from time to time thereafter) regu-
18 lations to—

19 (1) govern the conduct of any investigation or
20 prosecution by a special counsel appointed by the
21 Attorney General under subsection (a); and

22 (2) to provide that the special counsel may be
23 removed from office only by the personal action of
24 the Attorney General and only for good cause.

- 1 The first regulations under this subsection shall be issued
- 2 and made effective no later than 90 days from the date
- 3 of enactment of this Act.

